



# Equity Council Agenda

**Zoom Meeting Time: June 19, 2020 4:00 - 5:30 PM**

## Welcomes & Introductions

- Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) Secretary Womazetta Jones welcomed the council members
- Secretary Jones held a space for reflection on the upcoming Juneteenth holiday

## Updates from the Last Meeting

- The first COVID-19 Youth Forum, led by Secretary Womazetta Jones, was held last week. This forum was designed for youth to have a voice in the State's COVID-19 pandemic plan as well as to discuss their thoughts on race relations in Rhode Island.
- Governor Raimondo announced the creation of the [weR1 Fund](#), in collaboration with multiple non-profits, in order to provide financial assistance to households that cannot receive government assistance.

## COVID-19 Testing | Dr. Philip Chan, RIDOH Consultant Medical Director and Matt Vargas, COVID-19 Testing Workstream Lead

- Dr. Chan and Matt Vargas provided update on the status of the State's testing strategy.

## Community Feedback: What are you hearing from the community? What should the State know?

- Members discussed the role that local community member involvement plays in the State's COVID-19 response and recovery plan.
- A member would like more information on how K-12 testing will work when schools are back in session. State staff are working with the RI Department of Education to present a detailed plan at a future meeting.

## Next Steps

- State staff are working with Council community members to secure additional testing locations in high-density areas and communities of color.

## Close

- Closing remarks given by Secretary Womazetta Jones

